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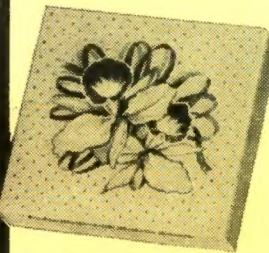
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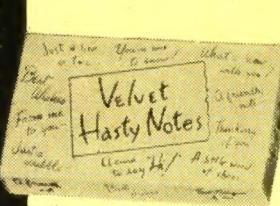
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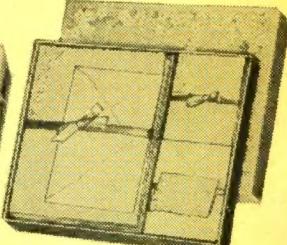
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MORE THAN  
JUST A SILVER CUP  
AND A PURSE WERE RIDING  
ON THIS EVENT! THE DURANGO  
KID JUST HAD TO WIN...! BUT THERE  
WERE BADHATS WHO HAD DONE THEIR  
WORST TO INSURE HIS LOSING! AND  
THAT'S WHY FOLKS HEREABOUTS STILL  
TALK ABOUT THAT NIGHT UNDER THE  
BIG TENT AS THE

## RODEO RUCKUS!

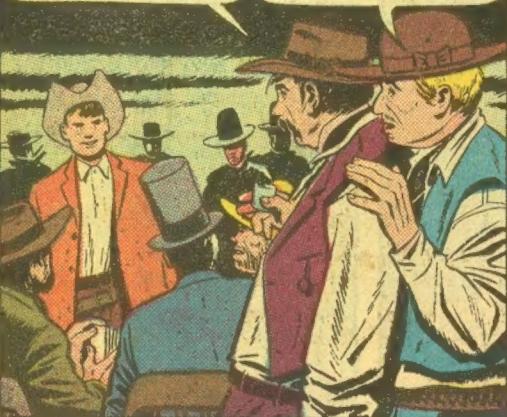


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FRED GUARDINEER

IN LEM DIAMOND'S LOST SLIPPER SALOON—

SEE WHAT I SEE ? AL OH-OH-AN' LEM  
HARMON'S BEIN' SUCKED DIAMOND'S DEALIN'  
INTO A POKER GAME ! HISSELF! THEY'S BAD...!



AL HARMON—OWNER OF  
THE BIGGEST RANCH IN THE  
TERRITORY! A DAREDEVIL IN  
THE SADDLE—BUT A SUCKER  
WHEN IT COMES TO THE  
SHINY PASTEBOARDS...

DON'T MIND SAYIN' I GOT A  
STRONG HAND HERE—SO  
STRONG THET I'D BE WILLING  
TO BET **MY RANCH** AGAINST  
ALL YORE CASH!

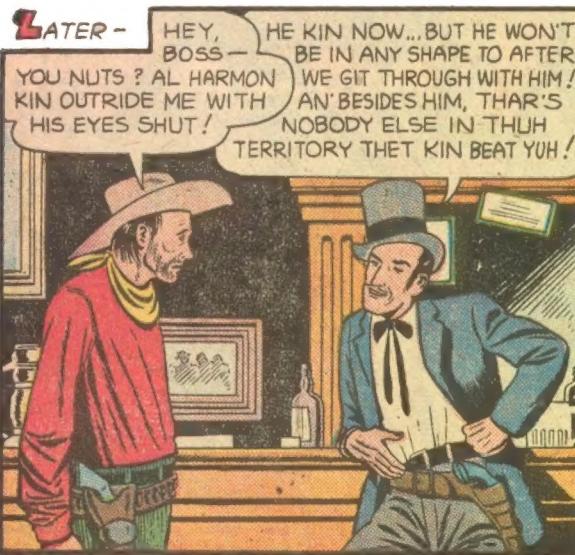
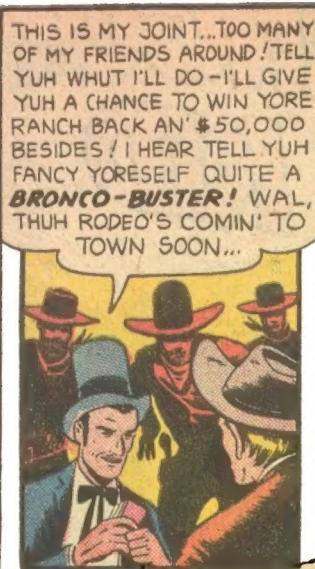


HIS OPPONENT—LEM DIAMOND,  
AS CROOKED AS A KNOTTED  
SNAKE...

I'LL CALL  
THAT BET, AL! AN' IT  
SURE LOOKS LIKE YOU  
LOSE!



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LATER, ON THE EDGE OF THE PRAIRIE-

BLACK OUTFIT... BLACK MASK... WHITE HORSE -THAT'S DURANGO ALL RIGHT! BUT HE'S STAYIN' OUT IN THUH OPEN! HE'S NOT HEADED HERE!



THEN WELL RIDE OUT AFTER HIM! WE GOT HIM OUT-NUMBERED-HE'LL HAVE TO RUN FER IT! AN' AS LONG AS HE RUNS AWAY FROM THUH RODEO, LEM DIAMOND'LL BE HAPPY!



SO -

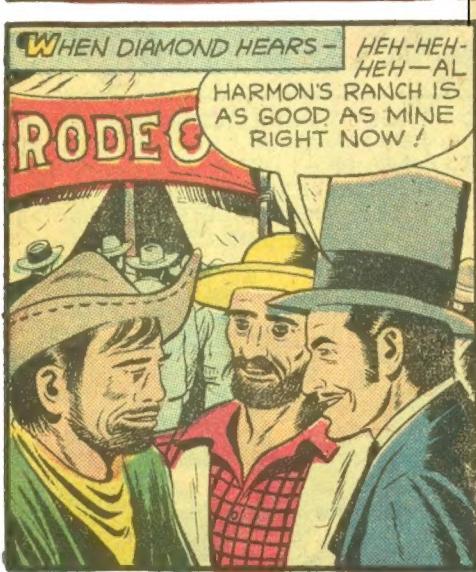
HE TURNED TAIL-IT'S WORKIN' JUST LIKE WE PLANNED! YOU MEN KEEP AFTER HIM... I'LL RIDE BACK TO TOWN TO TELL THUH BOSS HE HAS NOTHIN' TO WORRY ABOUT!



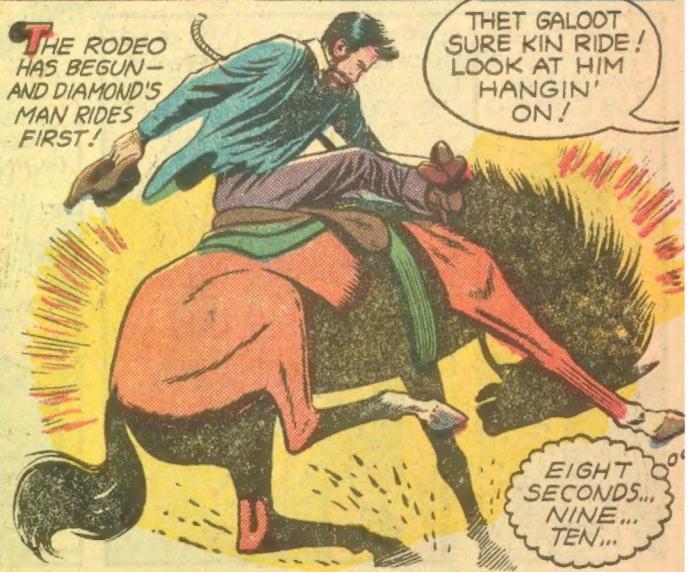
WHEN DIAMOND HEARS - HEH-HEH- HEH-AL

HARMON'S RANCH IS AS GOOD AS MINE  
RIGHT NOW!

RODEO



THE RODEO HAS BEGUN-  
AND DIAMOND'S  
MAN RIDES  
FIRST!



ELEVEN SECONDS!

A RECORD  
RIDE!  
HOORAY!

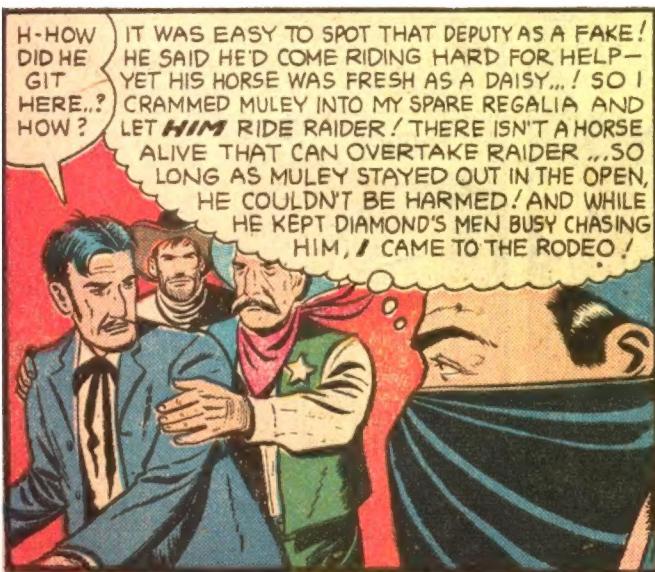
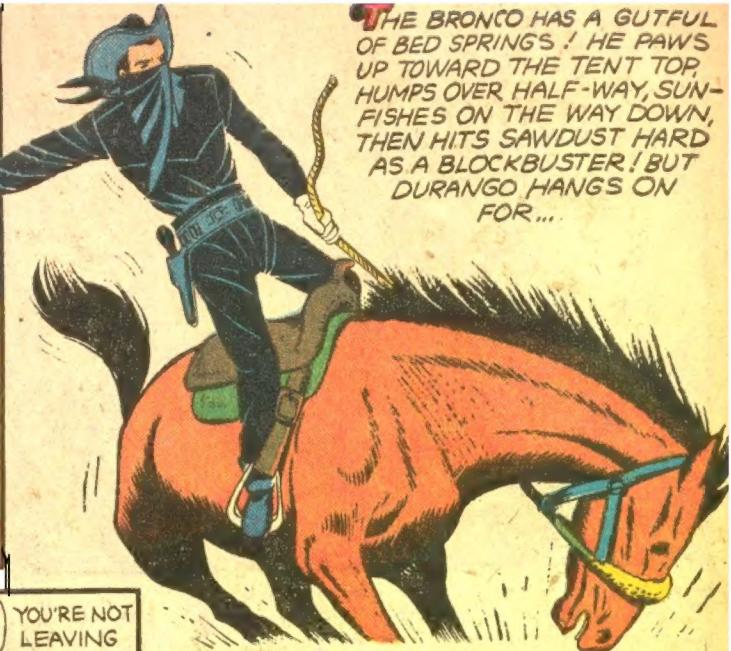


NOW THEIR EYES ARE RIVETED ON THE  
STALL FROM WHICH AL HARMON'S  
RIDER WILL COME BUCKING OUT...

JUST A FEW  
MORE SECONDS-  
AND I'LL BE TOP  
DOG IN THE  
TERRITORY!



ONLY LEM DIAMOND CHEERS WHEN THE JUDGE CALLS  
OUT THE TIME! EVERYBODY ELSE SHUDDERS! THEY ALL KNOW  
HOW MUCH IS RIDING ON THIS EVENT...!



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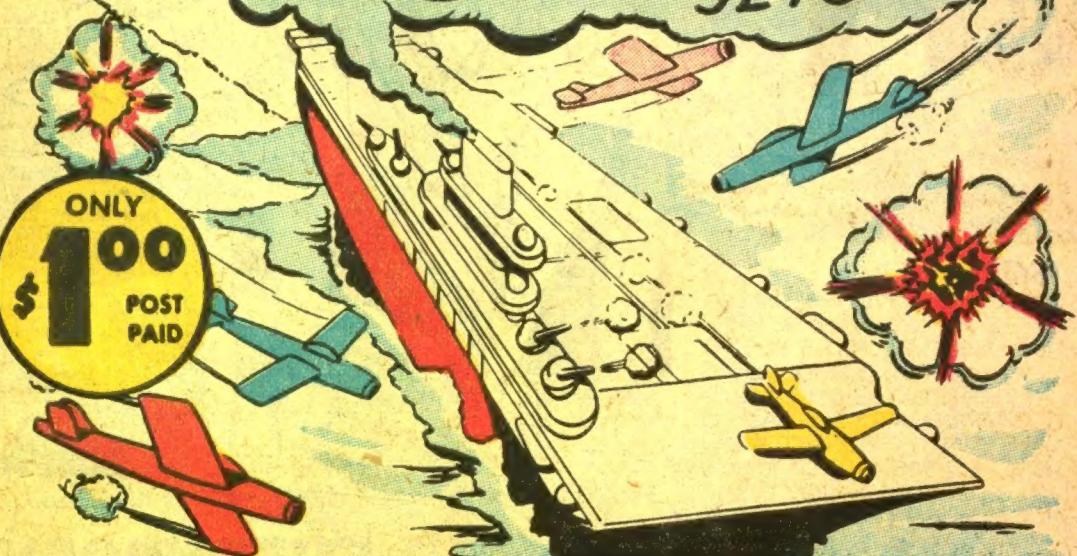
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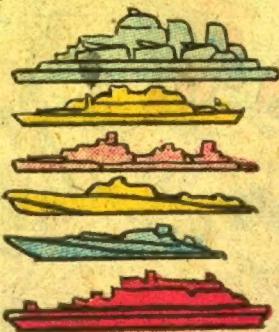
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**M**ATT BAYLOR WAS HIS NAME. HE NEVER SMILED. THERE WERE ALWAYS STRANGE FIRES PLAYING IN HIS EYES. FOLKS WOULD GREET HIM CIVILLY, AND HE'D SNARL BACK AT THEM. BUT, HE COULD OUTSHOOT, OUTRIDE, AND OUTLASSO EVERYBODY IN THE TERRITORY... AND NOW HE'D BEEN HIRED TO MOW DOWN THE DURANGO KID! DID DURANGO STAND A CHANCE AGAINST

## THE MAN WHO HATED EVERYBODY

**Y**EARS BACK WHEN MATT BAYLOR WAS A YOUNG'UN, HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING!

GEE, I'M LUCKY, POP! NOT MANY FELLERS' FATHERS WOULD LET THEM COME ALONG PROSPECTIN'!

NO REASON FOR ME NOT TO, MATT. WE'RE ALONE IN THUH WORLD, WE TWO! AN' WE GET ALONG FINE... YUH'VE BROUGHT ME LOTS OF LUCK THIS SEASON!



**T**HEN ONE DAY—

WE HEAR-TELL YUH'VE FOUND A HEAP OF NUGGETS, JEFF BAYLOR! AN' THESE SHOOTIN'-IRONS SAY YUH'RE GONNA HAND THEM RIGHT OVER!



BUT MATT'S FATHER HAD WORKED HARD FOR THOSE NUGGETS, AND HE WASN'T GOING TO GIVE THEM UP WITHOUT A FIGHT!



Y-YOU SOB SHOT MY FATHER,

HE WAS A FOOL TO TRY TO DRAW ON ME BOY. NOW WHAR ARE THOSE NUGGETS?



THE BADMAN HAS MASKED YOUNG MATT COULNT SEE HIS FACE, BUT HE NEVER FORGOT THE EAGLE EMBLEM CARVED SCRATCHED ON THE MONEY BELT THE STOLEN NUGGETS WERE BEING CRAMMED INTO! AND AS HE STARED AT THE EVILY FACES KNEW A GLIMPSE OF M...



THAT HATRED SCARRED HIM... IT WIPED THE SMILE FROM HIS FACE. HE GREW UP A BITTER MAN A LONER WHO SHAMED COMPANY SPENDING HIS TIME CONSTANTLY PRACTICING THE SKILLS OF SHOOTING, RIDING, AND LASSOING... LIVED ONLY FOR THE DAY WHEN HE'D MEET THE MAN WITH THE EAGLE EMBLEM AGAIN!



HE STAYED ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAIR. HIS FATHER'S TEACHINGS HAD BEEN TOO STRONG FOR HIM NOT TO! AND MANY A TIME WHEN A POSSE WAS HARD ON THE TRAIL OF AN OUTLAW, HE'D SILENTLY JOIN THEM -

WHAR'D HE COME FROM? SAW - THAT'S MATT BAYLOR! LIVES BY HIS LONESOME UP IN THUH HILLS. BUT HE'S A GOOD MAN TO HAVE ALONG!

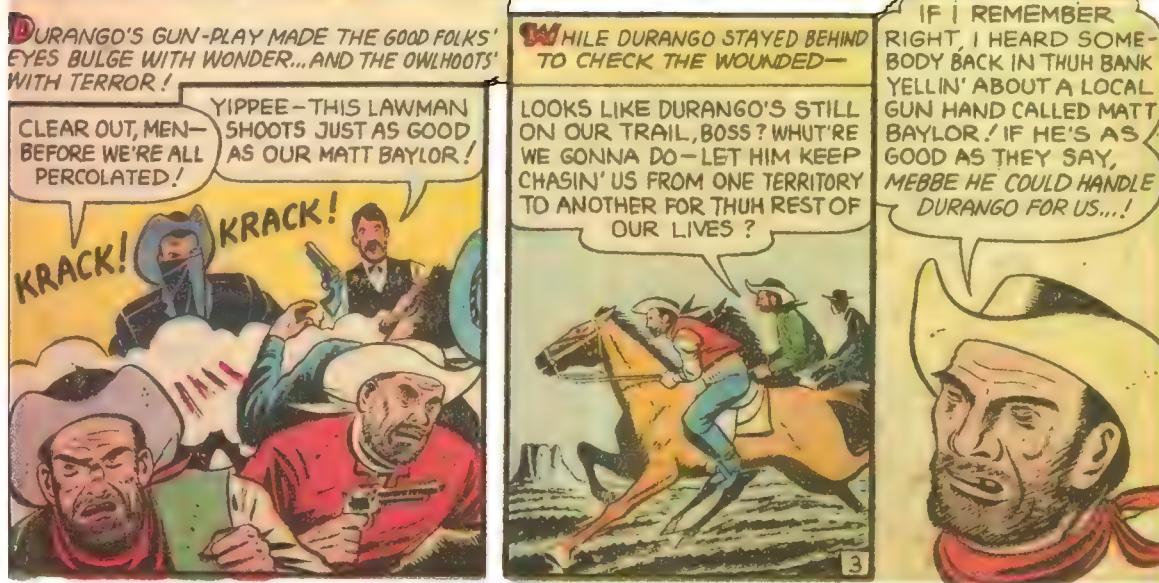


AND MANY A TIME IT HAS MATT'S DOING THAT BROUGHT THE POSSE'S QUARRY TOEE!



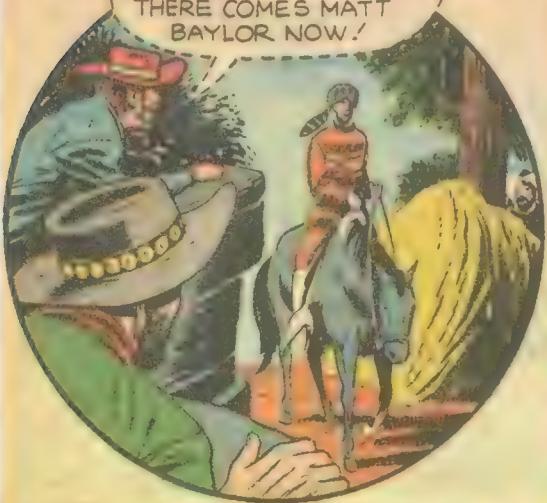
HEY!

IF IT'S HAPPENED ONCE, IT'S HAPPENED A HUNDRED TIMES! THAT HOMER'S POISON ON CHLCOOTS.

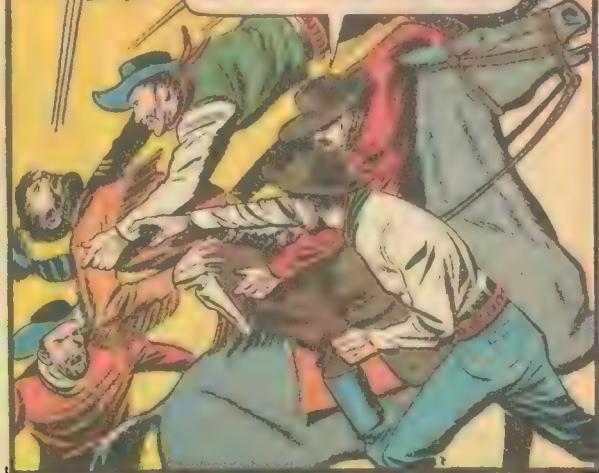


ONE DAY NOT LONG AFTER—

THERE COMES MATT BAYLOR NOW!



WHAT THE-?! CLOBBER HIM GOOD! IT'S THUH ONLY WAY WE'LL EVER GET HIM BACK TO THUH HIDEOUT!



MATT FOUGHT LIKE A WILDCAT, BUT IT DID HIM NO GOOD!

"GNNG!"



LATER—

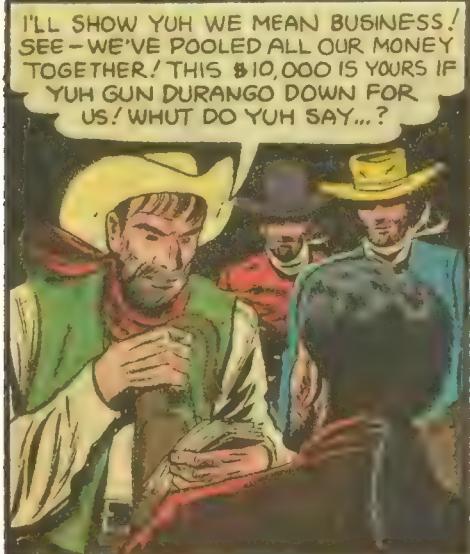
SORRY WE HADDA ROUGH YUH UP, BAYLOR—BUT WE'VE HEARD TELL YUH'RE PLUMB ORNERY, AN' THAT THAR WAS NO OTHER WAY TO BRING YUH HERE SO WE COULD MAKE OUR PROPOSITION! NOW LISTEN...



THUH DURANGO KID'S BEEN ON MY GANG'S TRAIL TOO LONG! THUH TIME'S COME WHEN IT'S EITHER US OR HIM THET HAS TO GO DOWN! NONE OF US HERE KIN HANDLE HIM—BUT FROM THUH TALES WE'VE HEARD OF HOW YOU KIN SHOOT AN' RIDE, IT SOUNDS LIKE YUH'RE JUST THUH MAN FER THUH JOB!



I'LL SHOW YUH WE MEAN BUSINESS! SEE—WE'VE POOLED ALL OUR MONEY TOGETHER! THIS \$10,000 IS YOURS IF YUH GUN DURANGO DOWN FOR US! WHUT DO YUH SAY...?



FOR A LONG TIME, MATT SAID NOTHING AT ALL. THEN—

LET ME THINK IT OVER. GIVE ME TILL TONIGHT. I'LL COME BACK WITH MY ANSWER THEN.



THE OWLOOTHS GRINNED. THEY WERE SURE THEY KNEW WHAT HIS ANSWER WOULD BE. THEY WERE SURE NO MAN ALIVE COULD RESIST ALL THOSE BANKNOTES!

WHAT SAME  
AFTERNOON  
MATT HAD  
TRACKED  
HIS MAN  
TO A BROOK  
WHERE  
DURANGO  
AND MULEY  
PIKE WERE  
WATERING  
THEIR  
HORSES. HE  
WALKED  
TOWARD  
THEM  
SLOWLY, HIS  
FACE  
GRIM  
AS  
ALWAYS...



I WANT TO TALK WITH  
YOU, DURANGO. I'VE COME  
PEACEABLE. NO NEED  
FOR YOU TO CLEAR  
LEATHER.

BE GLAD  
TO TALK.  
WHAT'S ON  
YOUR MIND?

THE WORDS GUSHED OUT  
OF MATT LIKE A THOUSAND  
MOUNTAIN STREAMS IN A  
SPRING THAW! HE TOLD  
DURANGO THE STORY OF  
HIS LIFE RIGHT UP TO WHAT  
HAD HAPPENED TODAY...

WHEN HE TOOK THAT \$10,000  
OUT OF HIS MONEY BELT, I  
SAW THE EAGLE EMBLEM  
ON IT! **HE'S** THE MAN  
WHO SHOT MY FATHER!

HOW COME  
YUH DIDN'T  
JUMP HIM  
SOON AS  
YUH SAW  
IT?

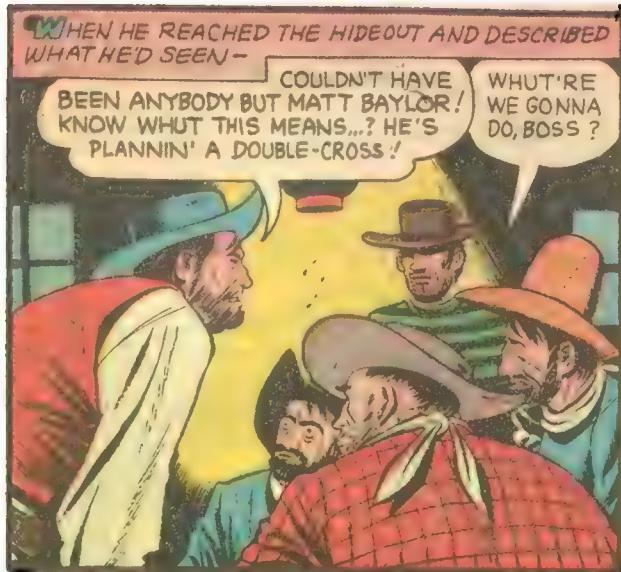
I COULD'VE... I COULD'VE  
CHOKED HIM BEFORE HIS  
GANG DRAGGED ME DOWN!  
BUT STANDING THERE, IT  
SUDDENLY CAME TO ME-HE  
WASN'T THE ONLY ROTTEN  
SKUNK IN THE HIDEOUT! ANY  
ONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE  
SHOT MY FATHER THE SAME  
WAY HE DID! I WANT TO  
BRING ALL OF THEM  
IN!

YOU DID RIGHT. WE'LL  
HAVE TO PLAY THIS  
SMART. GO BACK TO-  
NIGHT... TELL THEM  
YOU'LL TAKE ON  
THE JOB.

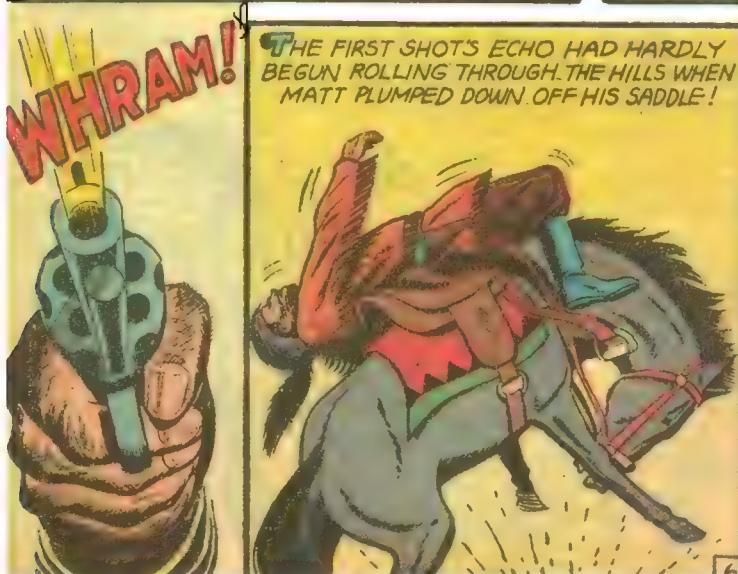
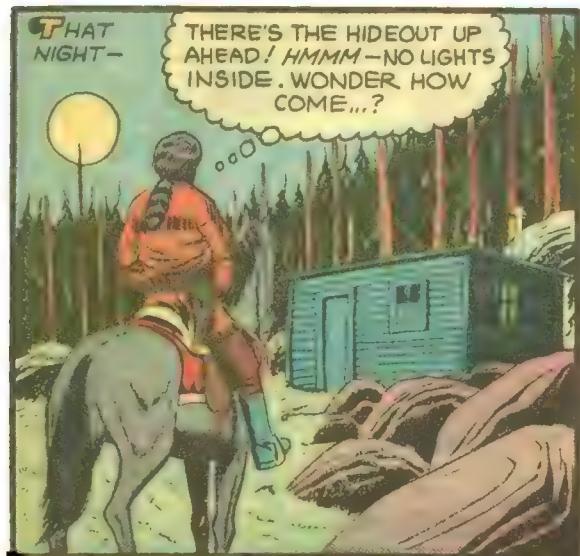
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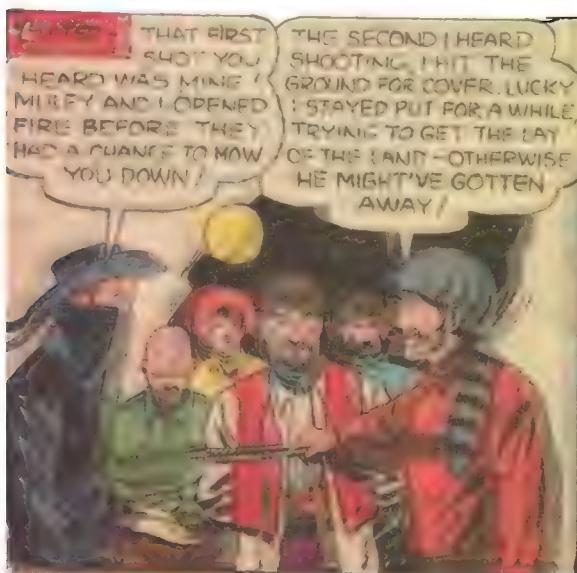
HMMM—WONDER IF THUH BOSS  
KNOWS DURANGO'S FOLLOWED  
HIM TO THIS NEW TERRITORY...?





WE'LL PREPARE AN AMBUSH FOR HIM! IF MATT BAYLOR COMES TONIGHT... HE'LL RIDE STRAIGHT INTO A DEATH TRAP!





# THE DURANGO KID'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

THIS FEATURE is a western dictionary, to explain for our readers the meaning of the western terms and expressions they may come across in these pages. We will explain about Indians and pioneers, gunfighters and cowboys, horses and cattle.

**BUTTE** A butte (pronounced "beaut") is a high hill or rocky formation in the shape of a turret, rising from the flat ground. A city in Montana has assumed this name.

**COWBOY** The cowboy is the subject of stories and poems and songs. He is the guardian of the herd, the brander at roundup time, the fence-builder and defender of the ranch. He is an employee of the rancher, and lives in a bunkhouse. He does not make much money, usually forty to eighty dollars a month and food. His most prized possession is a horse and a saddle.

In the early days of the west, 1866 to 1890, he was also a gunman, in most instances. He rode on the trail drives north to Dodge City and Abilene. He fought Indians. Sometimes he went bad and became an outlaw, but more often he saved up his money to buy himself a little spread, and got married and raised children and became a fine citizen of the country.

When barbed wire and fencing came in on the Texas ranches, some of the cowboys rode north into Wyoming and Montana. Herds of cattle were coming into Wyoming then, from Oregon, and trail drives were the usual thing in the north country for about ten years.

His clothing consists of levis or tight denim pants, with leather "chaps" to be worn where the brush is thick, a shirt or two, a neckerchief that serves as dust-catcher in the trail drives, washrag before breakfast, and protection from the broiling sun. His boots are expensive, coming up to mid-calf. The soles receive little wear, for no self-respecting cowboy will walk when he can ride. His spurs may be fancy California spurs with jingling rowels or plain iron or steel jab-spurs.

The cowboy hat is the Stetson, or 10-gallon hat. Sometimes, in the northwest, he wears a straight-brimmed, low-crowned hat.

He also carries a slicker against rain while he is out on the range. This slicker is usually yellow so that during a stampede, he can wave it around to get the cattle to milling, or running in a circle.

While his usual sleeping place is the bunkhouse (a large building fitted with bunks, tables and chairs so the cowboy can relax and play cards and eat in his offtime), the cowboy also lives in a bedroll on the open range, when occasion or necessity demands it. There is also the line cabin on the farthest reaches of the ranch, for cowboys whose duties carry them so far from the bunkhouse that they cannot return at night. These line cabins will have canned food, a bed or two and a table and chairs. They will be plain and not fancy, but during a rainstorm or a blizzard, they will be very welcome indeed. Most line cabins have stone chimneys, so the cowboy can make a fire and keep warm and cook his food.

Today, in an era where most cowboys are seen only in movies and comic books, the cowboy still really exists. He works usually for big ranches like the King Ranch, or the JA ranch in the Texas Panhandle. He ropes and rides as he used to do, but he rarely carries a sixgun, and then only as protection against snakes. He also drives a jeep or a ranch wagon, and goes to town in a car. He reads cowboy books and comics avidly, and is the best customer for the western movie.

They still brand cattle as they used to do in the old days, but now they also inject an inoculating fluid against blackleg and other fatal diseases. He is still the cowboy, but he is also a businessman today.

**DYNAMITE** This old west miner's tool is a mixture of nitroglycerine and an absorbent such as powdered resin, clay or sawdust. It usually comes in sticks, but it also is available in a powder form, which is used in mines, though some mines prefer the gelatine dynamite.

Shock will not explode dynamite unless it creates a spark that will set it off. Thus it can be dropped, kicked around and crushed without exploding. However, if the dynamite has lain out in the sun and has "thawed," it becomes very unstable and may explode on contact.

The miner "thaws" his dynamite before using it, and then slips a dynamite cap into one end of the stick. These dynamite caps are more dangerous than the dynamite itself, for they are loaded with fulmanite of mercury, which explodes violently with any sort of heat or shock!

When dynamite has lain too long in one position, it also becomes dangerous, so that when it is being transported, it is usually turned over every once in a while, usually at least once every week.

**ELK** This great animal, a member of the deer family, is one of the most magnificent specimens of the North American animal world. The great bull elk is a cousin of the moose. From April to August, these bull elk sharpen their great horns, or tines, against trees, rubbing off the soft tissue called velvet on their horns. During this time, these mighty beasts will charge a human being.

The elk range across the northwest of the United States and into Canada. Today they are protected in wild life sanctuaries. In the old days, before the white man came to America, the elk—the Indians called the elk the *wapiti*—ran from the eastern part of the United States all the way west into what is now Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Even New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia had their herds.

The bull elk stands about five feet high at the shoulder and weighs one thousand pounds. It is the second largest animal in North America in the wild state, the moose alone being larger. The cow weighs about six hundred pounds and is smaller than the male.

The antlers are wide and long, the largest ever recorded being fully five feet across!

These elk, or *wapiti*, eat grass, leaves, small plants. They live in the mountains during the summer, but come down into the valley regions during winter time. When a herd of elk suspects a human is hunting them, they make a bell-like sound. If the herd leader gives a coughing bark,

they race off out of possible danger.

The bull elk has a dark mane as well as a great spread of antlers, with a golden coat of hair. The cry of the bull elk in anger is called a "bugle." Emitting this bugling cry, male elks often fight each other during the mating season.

**FLY** The fly is that stretch of canvas that forms a roof from the chuck wagon to the wood pile while the trail crew is out on roundup. It is set on poles. Under the protection of this "fly"—it affords shade from the hot sun and keeps out the rain during a cloudburst—the cook prepares his meals.

The "hoodlum," a man who does odd chores around the chuck wagon, puts his pile of twigs and firewood under a corner of the fly, to keep it dry.

**GUNS** The gun is the one sure feature of every story, comic and movie about the west. Usually the word, gun, means a hand-gun, a revolver or sixgun. One of the first of the cartridge revolvers was made by Smith and Wesson in 1855. The most famous of all these revolvers was the Colt Peacemaker, a .45 calibre hand-gun used by famous gunfighters and law men. Before the Peacemaker became so popular, the Navy Colt had its day.

In 1835 Samuel Colt gave the world the weapon which has even since borne his name. While on a trip to India, he had whittled out a wooden model of his gun. Then when he patented his revolver in London and Paris, he returned to the United States and set up his factory in Paterson, New Jersey. By 1837, United States troops were carrying Colt revolvers against the Seminoles, during that war in Florida. Samuel Colt sold his guns to the Texas Rangers, featuring the newly revised Walker Colt. Then followed the frontier model.

Other revolvers that shot themselves a place in our history were the Aston .54 calibre percussion-lock pistol, used by the Army and the Navy in the Civil War, the derringer, which was the gun used by the western gamblers and was carried in a shoulder holster, and the Remington .44, the gun used by the bandit Jesse James.

We have thus far considered only the revolver as part of the story on Guns. In the next issue, we will take up the rifle, so that, with your Durango Dictionary, you will have a complete file on the weapons used by the badmen and the law men of the old west.

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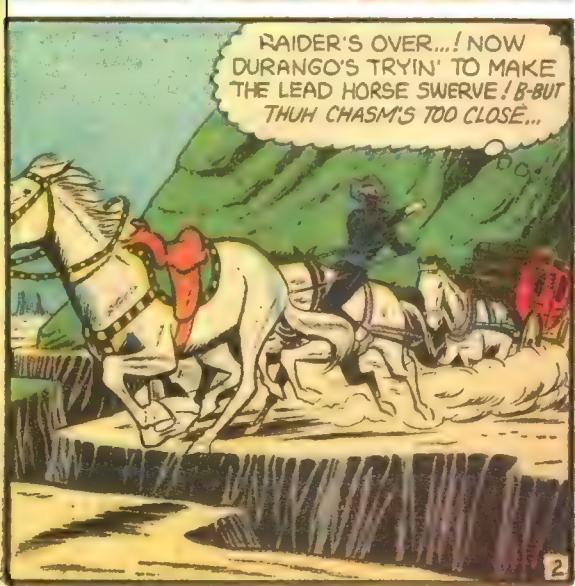
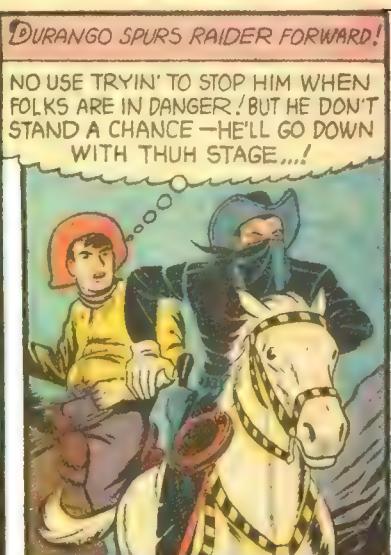


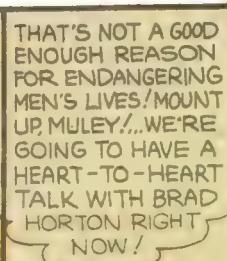
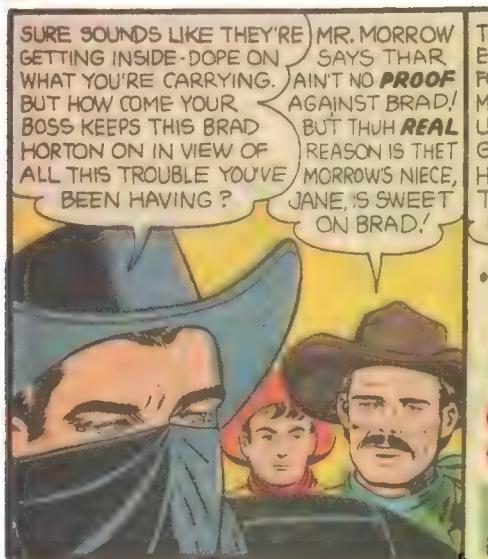
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WHAT STARTED WITH A FLYING-LEAD FRACAS ON THE STAGE TRAIL, ENDED WITH THE DURANGO KID HOPELESSLY HOGTIED BY HIS ENEMIES! AND ALTHOUGH THE MASKED LAWMAN WAS NEVER ONE TO WORRY OVERMUCH—THIS WAS ONE TIME HE HAD TO ADMIT IT LOOKED LIKE

## SURE DEATH FOR DURANGO!



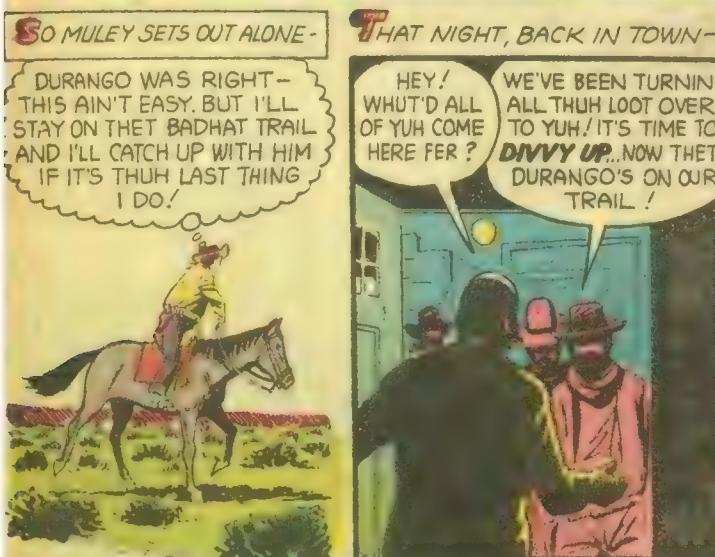




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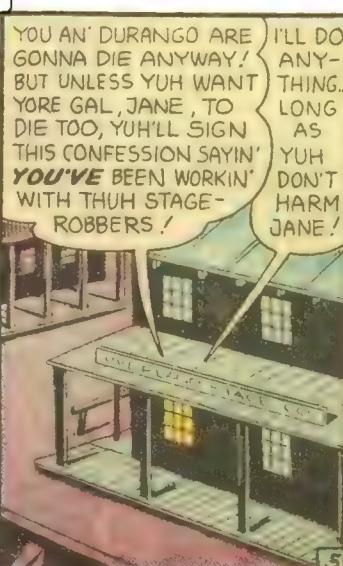
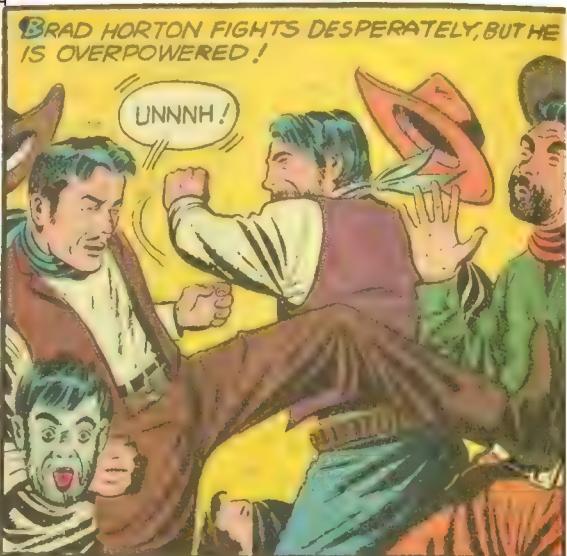
DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD, BRAD! BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ALL NOBODY'S ACCUSIN' YOU OF HAVIN' ANYTHING TO DO WITH TODAY'S STAGE-ROBBERY!





YUH MIGHT BE RIGHT AT THAT! LUCKY DURANGO'S AFTER HORTON... SO THAR'S TIME FER US TO PULL OUT! HEH-HEH-HEH - NOBODY AROUD HERE EVER DREAMED THET I WAS ROBBIN' MY OWN STAGES... AN' KEEPIN' BRADON AS DISPATCHER JIST SO THEY'D SUSPECT HIM!



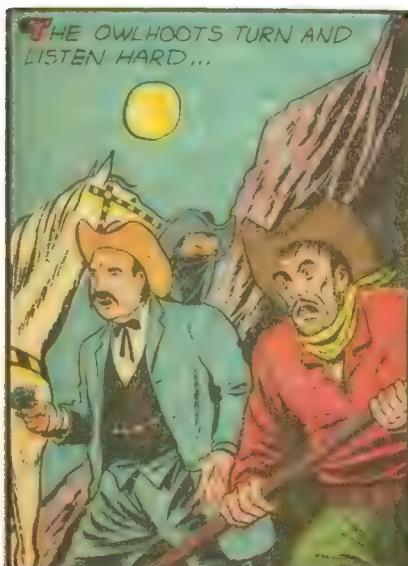
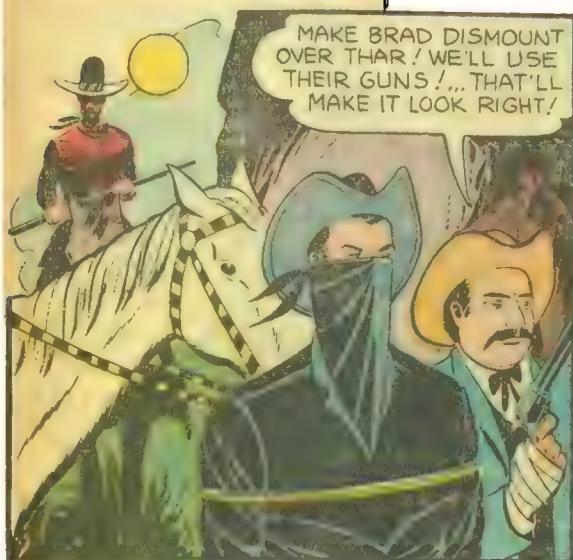
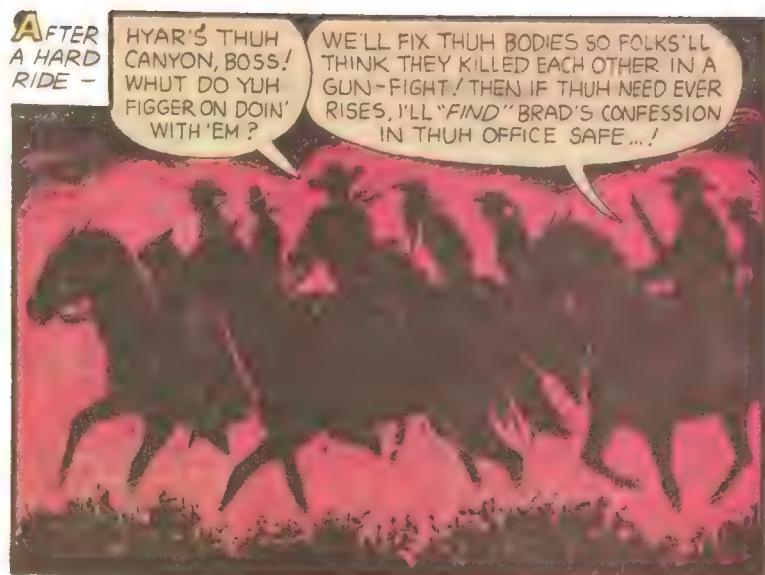
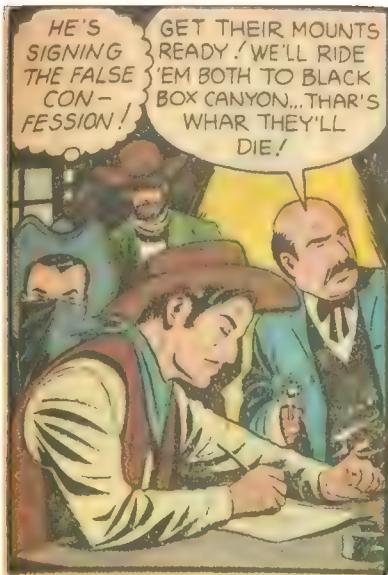


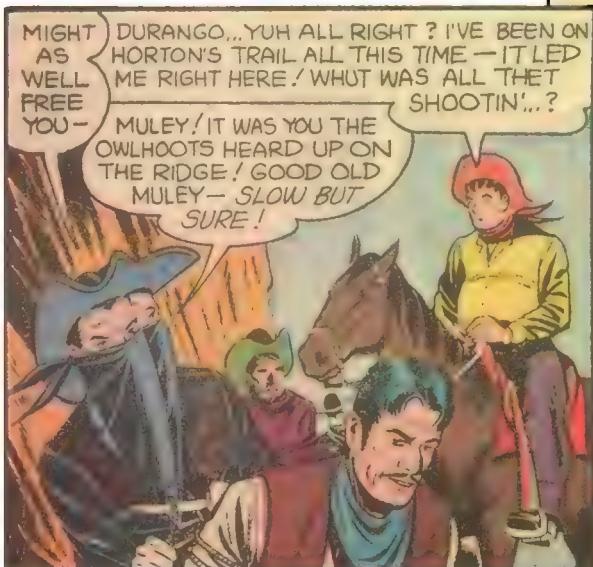
I'LL DO ANYTHING LONG AS YUH DON'T HARM JANE!

MEANWHILE —

HMM-LOOKS LIKE BRAD HORTON STARTED CIRCLING BACK TO TOWN HEREABOUTS! WELL, SURE AS MY NAME IS MULEY PIKE, I'M GONNA STAY ON HIS TRAIL....!







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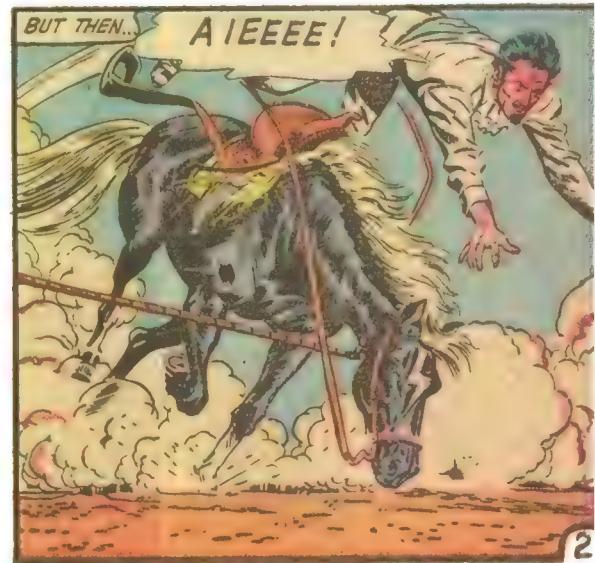


THEN THE WAR CAME... AND SOLOMON JESSUP DIED DURING A PUNITIVE RAID BY THE RED-COATS —

I SAY! THAT'S A FINE HORSE!

LOOKS LIKE HE KNOWS WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIS MASTER! I WOULDN'T MOUNT HIM IF I WERE YOU, MAJOR HAWKINS...!





AS THE MAJOR PAINFULLY DRAGGED HIMSELF TO HIS FEET, HIS HIGH-PITCHED VOICE MADE EVEN SHRIELER BY RAGE, KEPT ECHOING THROUGH THE TREES. AND THEN HE BEGAN TO BEAT THE HORSE BRUTALLY...

I'M AN OFFICER OF THE KING! HERE TO FIGHT THE REBELS WHO DEFY US... WHO DEFY US! EVEN REBEL HORSES...



GOOD SHOT, TIP!... BUT YOU CAN PUT UP YOUR GUN NOW... I'LL FINISH OFF THE HORSE-BEATER WITH MY FISTS!



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HE'S LYING WHEN HE SPEAKS OF A TRAP, TIP!... HE JUST WANTS TO DIVERT US SO HE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET—



HE WASN'T LYING, DAN—LOOK!

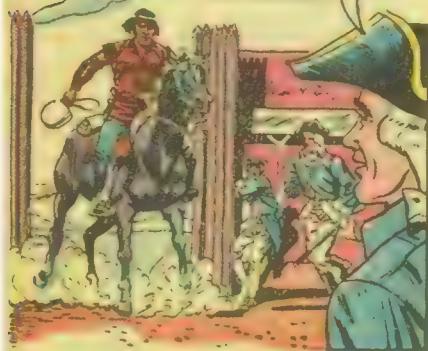
AN OFFICER OF THE KING NEVER LIES! MY MEN WERE WAITING FOR ME AROUND THE BEND... AND IT WAS YOUR YOUNG FRIEND'S SHOT THAT CALLED THEM INTO ACTION!





FROM THAT TIME ON, LIGHTNING GALLOPED FOR LIBERTY—DAN AND TIPI TAKING TURNS RIDING HIM ON ONE PERILOUS MISSION AFTER ANOTHER.

GOOD WORK, DAN — YOU BROUGHT THE BATTLE-PLAN JUST IN TIME!



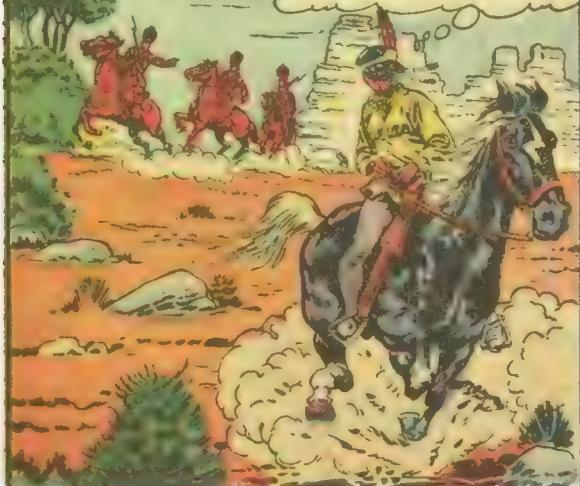
I WAS AFRAID I'D NEVER OVERTAKE THIS COUNTER SPY... BUT LIGHTNING IS AS FAST AS HIS NAME!

THAT BLOODY HORSE CAN'T EVEN BE STOPPED BY FIRE!



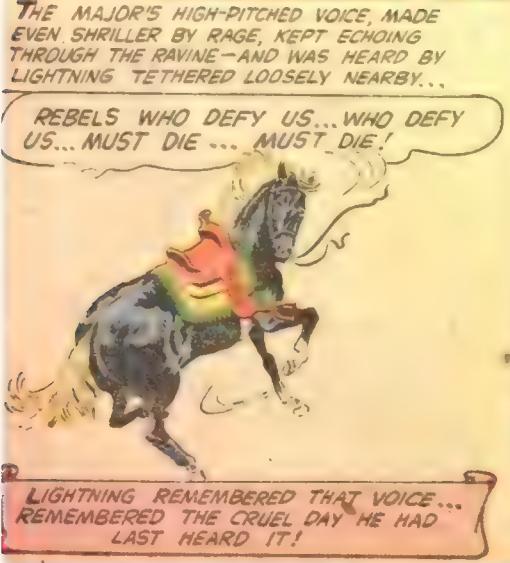
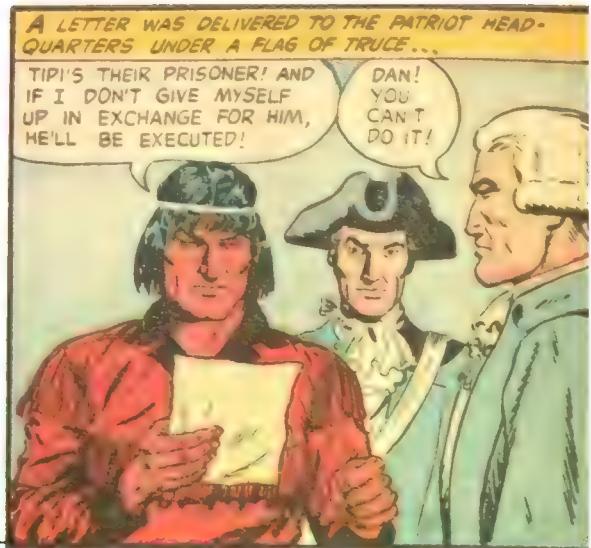
BUT THEN ONE DAY—

THOSE REDCOATS HAVE SEEN ME... I BETTER HEAD FOR THE FOREST!



LUCK WASN'T WITH TIPI THAT DAY...







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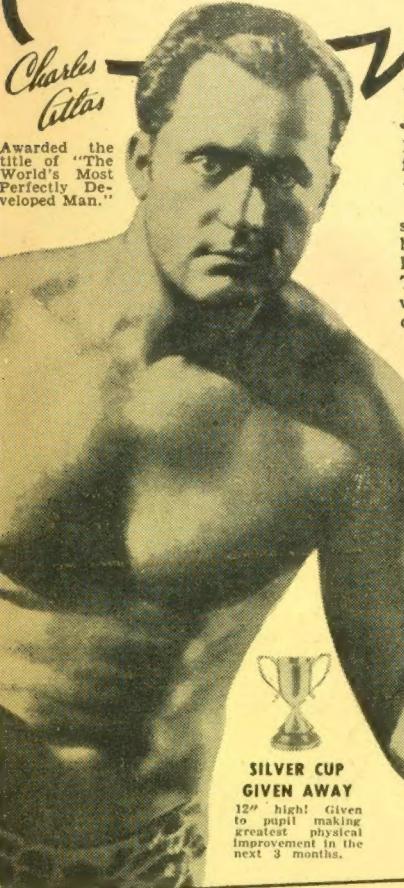
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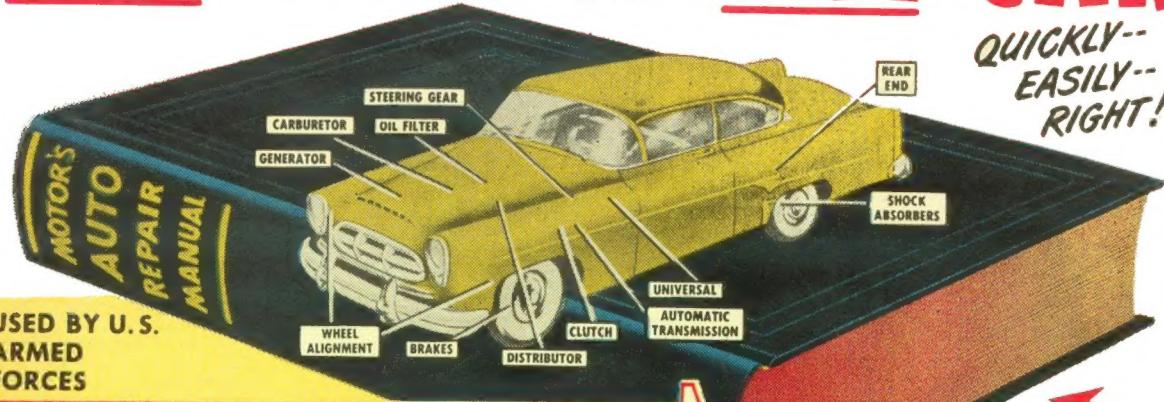
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